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Area D Gillnet Association/Area D Harvest Committee
Attention: Ryan McEachern [ryanmceachern@shaw.ca]

Dear Area D Harvest Committee

RE: Commercial Demonstration Fishery Concept Proposal(s)

The Department has received your statement of intent to develop the following concept proposal(s) for a commercial salmon demonstration fishery project for 2010:

- 1) Johnstone Strait Sockeye ITQ
- 2) Johnstone Strait Chum Effort-Share
- 3) Chum Draw Fisheries
- 4) Chinook Draw Fishery

The Department has evaluated all of the Statements of Intent received for commercial demonstration fishery projects using the same criteria. Specifically, the Department will be asking for detailed proposals to be developed for demonstration fishery projects that contribute to the Pacific Fisheries Reform vision and meet all three of the following conditions:

1. Maintains or improves management control and conservation performance in the fishery;
2. Promotes the use of clearly defined shares to improve manageability and industry viability; and,
3. Increases the ability of harvesters to work cooperatively to harvest available surpluses and to take on greater responsibility for control and monitoring of their fishery.

The Department has reviewed your proposals on:

- 1) Johnstone Strait Sockeye ITQ - Demonstration project proposals are considered based on their merit and the level of support within the fleet. The Department is willing to provide assistance to survey the license holders. A brief summary of the demonstration fishery should be provided by the Area D Harvest Committee prior to polling the fleet.

vessel owners and licence eligibility holders.

- 2) Johnstone Strait Chum Effort-Share - Demonstration project proposals are considered based on their merit and the level of support within the fleet. The Department is willing to provide assistance to survey the license holders. A brief summary of the demonstration fishery should be provided by the Area D Harvest Committee prior to polling the fleet.
- 3) Chum Draw Fisheries - This proposal has not been approved for development into a salmon demonstration fishery project as the proposed approach is already consistent with plans in the 2010/11 Salmon Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP). The Department will take into consideration boat effort, by area, when planning chum fisheries on the West Coast of Vancouver Island and Johnstone Strait.
- 4) Chinook Draw Fishery - The Barkley Sound Chinook fishery is open to all Area D license holders. This proposal has not been approved for development into a salmon demonstration fishery project as the proposed approach is already consistent with plans in the 2010/11 Salmon IFMP.

Demonstration projects must improve management control and conservation performance in the fishery and be consistent with objectives outlined in the 2010/11 Salmon IFMP. Demonstration fishery projects must also be consistent with conservation measures required to protect stocks of concern that may be prevalent during the time and area proposed for the demonstration; is contingent on a commercial TAC being identified for the stock or species proposed in the project; and must be consistent with allocation priorities. Projects will not proceed where there is no commercial TAC identified or a mechanism to implement the project cannot be agreed on between the Harvest Committee and Department.

Please contact the DFO manager for your area to discuss additional options for implementing demonstration fisheries or to develop a detailed plan for implementing this project in 2010 no later than March 1, 2010. These plans should address in detail how the management approach meets the design elements outlined above and how the plan will be implemented. This should include a clear description of how this project will be operationalized, responsibilities of the parties and additional funding (if any) being requested of the Department.

Thank you for your interest,



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